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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

TO: Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Mark Schultz, Deputy Commissioner, Nebraska VR

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a contract with ESU #13 to develop innovative programs across the state to educate Nebraska VR staff, educators and family members, and implement effective strategies that increase independent living and inclusion for students with disabilities in their communities and competitive integrated workplaces. Those served would be students with disabilities, aged 14-21, and currently enrolled in high school.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A request for proposal was issued to obtain proposals from vendors across the state that could provide these pre-employment transition services. Public notice was given on the NDE, and Nebraska VR websites, and distributed to local ESU's, school districts, community colleges, and community agencies. All proposals received (4) were scored. Two proposals met the requirements of the RFP and both are being funded.

ESTIMATED COST: \$52,362.76